MTSA/ISPS POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Policy
Auditing of Alternative Security Programs
55-05 (Change 1)

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Issue **(55-05 Change 1):** When are companies subscribing to Alternative Security Programs required to conduct audits?

Policy: The CSO or VSO must ensure an audit of the ASP is performed annually, beginning no later than one year from the date of implementation of the Program, which is July 1, 2004. This policy applies to plans which were approved prior to July 1, 2004. Plans approved after July 1, 2004, must be audited each year no later than the anniversary of their approval date.

For companies with approved revisions to their programs, unless otherwise noted within their program or approval letter, the audit timeline begins on the date that the Amendment is approved. This enables a vessel or a facility the opportunity to implement the changes which the Amendment requires and audit the vessel or facility actions one year after the changes are made.